

**BALLOT TITLE AND SUMMARY**

**DEATH PENALTY. PROCEDURES. INITIATIVE STATUTE.**

- Changes procedures governing state court appeals and petitions challenging death penalty convictions and sentences.
- Designates superior court for initial petitions and limits successive petitions.
- Establishes time frame for state court death penalty review.
- Requires appointed attorneys who take noncapital appeals to accept death penalty appeals.
- Exempts prison officials from existing regulation process for developing execution methods.
- Authorizes death row inmate transfers among California prisons.
- Increases portion of condemned inmates' wages that may be applied to victim restitution.
- States other voter approved measures related to death penalty are void if this measure receives more affirmative votes.

**Summary of Legislative Analyst's Estimate of Net State and Local Government Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown ongoing fiscal impact on state court costs for processing legal challenges to death sentences.
- Near-term increases in state court costs—potentially in the tens of millions of dollars annually—due to an acceleration of spending to address new time lines on legal challenges to death sentences. Savings of similar amounts in future years.
- Potential state prison savings that could be in the tens of millions of dollars annually.

SUBJECT TO COURT  
ORDERED CHANGES